

MOSQUITO PREVENTION MESSAGE
2009 WEBSITE VERSION



It is time again to start thinking about mosquito prevention. The two primary means of mosquito abatement are 1) adulticiding which is reducing the adult mosquito population and 2) larvaciding which is the treatment of standing water where the larvae mature into mosquitoes. There are currently eleven (11) certified pesticide applicators employed with the City. These individuals went through intense training to obtain their licenses through the Indiana Office of the State Chemist and follow up with yearly training for re-certification. Their training includes mosquito biology/identification, chemicals, applications and safety. The City is committed to reducing the mosquito population by using the safest and most cost effective products on the market. The City has had a pro-active approach to mosquito abatement since the early 1980's and has stepped up the program in more recent years due to the emergence of mosquito-borne diseases including the West Nile Virus. The City is doing its part to adulticide by fogging, and larvaciding by treating standing water and catch basins on public property only. Following you can find some effective ways that you too can help control the mosquito population:

1. Eliminate unnecessary water and water holding containers. Examples: old tires, cans, jars, bottles, or any item(s) that will catch and hold water.
2. Clean out rain gutters and downspouts.
3. Eliminate hiding places by cutting weeds, pruning shrubs and disposing of useless artificial containers and other junk.
4. Follow manufacturer's recommendations for proper care and treatment of swimming pools and pool covers.
5. Stock ornamental pools and garden ponds with mosquito eating fish such as minnows. Keep vegetation, which protects mosquito larvae, trimmed from the edge of the pond.
6. Store pails, barrels, tubs, vases, boats and wheel barrows upside down.
7. Cover cisterns, rain barrels, and fire barrels with fine mesh screen (16 x 16 meshes to the inch)
8. Repair or replace screens on doors and windows.
9. Repair any leaky pipes or outside faucets.
10. Change the water in birdbaths at least once each week.
11. Empty and clean children's wading pools at least once each week.
12. Empty and refill outdoor pet watering containers daily.
13. Cover trash containers/garbage cans to prevent accumulation of rainwater.
14. Fill any low places in your yard that collect and hold water.
15. Use repellents outdoors in the evening or stay indoors.
16. Always read the pesticide label before applying pesticides around the home.
17. Share this information and suggestions with your friends and neighbors. Ask them to do their part.
18. Inspect your property weekly. If you have any questions, call the office phone below.

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MOSQUITO CONTROL IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM.
BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND DO YOUR PART –
AIM FOR PREVENTION AND BETTER CONTROL.